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1. POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI, ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER FRACKIEWICZ, CALLED ON DEP ASSISTANT SECRETARY SULLIVAN JUNE 1 PRIOR TO RETURNING TO WARSAW FOR CONSULTATIONS EARLY NEXT WEEK. TRAMPCZYNSKI SOUGHT ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT US- DRV TALKS IN PARIS AND FUTURE OF ICCS, STRESSING THAT GOP ATTACHES " VERY GREAT SIGNIFICANCE" TO US VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS.

2. SULLIVAN SAID PARIS TALKS HAVE ACHIEVED SOME PROGRESS ON MEASURES TO MAKE CEASE- FIRE MORE EFFECTIVE AND TO CUR- TAIL ILLEGAL FLOW OF MILITARY SHIPMENTS FROM THE NORTH. HOWEVER, NO SATISFACTORY PROGRESS HAS YET BEEN MADE ON END- ING FIGHTING IN CAMBODIA AND EFFECTING WITHDRAWAL OF NORTH
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VIETNAMESE FORCES FROM BOTH LAOS AND CAMBODIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 20 OF THE AGREEMENT. KEY TO OVERALL SUCCESS OF TALKS IS PROGRESS ON CAMBODIA, AND WE HOPE TO SEE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDES ON THIS FROM THE OTHER SIDE WHEN TALKS RESUME NEXT WEEK. MILITARY SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY IS AT AN IMPASSE AND CONTINUED FIGHTING WILL NOT PROFIT ANYBODY. SINCE LAO DONG PARTY CONTROLS KHMER COMMUNIST MILITARY APPARATUS, REAL POWER IN CAMBODIAN SITUATION RESTS WITH HANOI AND DRV- TRAINED INSURGENTS WHILE SIHANOUK IS MAINLY FIGUREHEAD.

3. ON ICCS, SULLIVAN SAID WE REGRETTED CANADIANS' DECISION TO WITHDRAW BUT UNDERSTOOD THEIR FRUSTRATIONS WHICH STEMMED IN NO SMALL MEASURE FROM FAILURE OF POLES AND HUNGARIANS TO PERFORM THEIR ICCS FUNCTIONS WITH ANY DEGREE OF OBJECTIVITY. DESPITE OBVIOUS VIOLATIONS, ICCS HAD FAILED IN ALMOST ALL INSTANCES TO SUBMIT AGREED REPORTS. CURRENT POLGARIAN EFFORTS TO BLOCK SUBMISSION OF REPORTS AND VIEWS WERE IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE ICCS PROTOCOL (SULLIVAN READ TEXT OF ARTICLE 3) AND HAD BROUGHT ICCS TO ITS LOWEST EBB.

4. SULLIVAN SAID US HAD NOT YET MADE ANY DECISIONS ON QUESTION OF REPLACING CANADIANS. DURING DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER FRACKIEWICZ SUGGESTED-- MORE OR LESS IN JEST BUT NOT WITHOUT CONVEYING IMPRESSION IDEA HAD BEEN GIVEN SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT-- THAT SIMPLEST SOLUTION WOULD BE TO REDUCE ICCS FROM FOUR TO TWO PARTIES (I. E., INDONESIA AND, PRESUMABLY, HUNGARY). IN ANSWER TO TRAMPCZYNSKI'S QUERY, SULLIVAN SAID INDONESIANS SHARED CANADIANS' FRUSTRATIONS BUT HAD INDICATED THEY WOULD NEVERTHELESS STICK IT OUT. HE CONCLUDED THAT ICCS FACED TWO PROBLEMS: ONE WAS EXTERNAL, WHICH INVOLVED WILLINGNESS OF VIETNAMESE PARTIES TO COOPERATE IN REDUCING THE FIGHTING AND IMPLEMENTING TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND WHICH WE HOPED WOULD BE IMPROVED AS A RESULT OF CURRENT PARIS TALKS THE OTHER WAS INTERNAL, WHICH DEPENDED TO LARGE DEGREE ON ADOPTION OF MORE COOPERATIVE, OBJECTIVE ATTITUDE BY POLGARIANS. SULLIVAN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TRAMPCZYNSKI, DURING HIS FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS, WOULD SEEK TO PERSUADE HIS GOVERNMENT TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. ROGERS

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